

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, According to the South Dakota Department of Health, the American Cancer Society, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cancer is the second leading cause of death in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Over 3800 new invasive cases of cancer are diagnosed among South Dakotans each year; and,

Whereas, Approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men in the United States have a lifetime risk to develop and die from cancer, and more than 1.5 million people will be diagnosed this year; and,

Whereas, More than 571,000 Americans are expected to die from cancer this year, African-American men and women have the highest mortality rates for all cancer sites combined, and cancer accounts for nearly 1 in 4 deaths; and,

Whereas, The cost of cancer in 2010 was \$263.80 billion in the United States; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has compassion for people affected by cancer. By uniting people affected by cancer to raise awareness through education, prevention, screening, and early detection efforts, we gain strength in the fight against cancer in South Dakota; and,

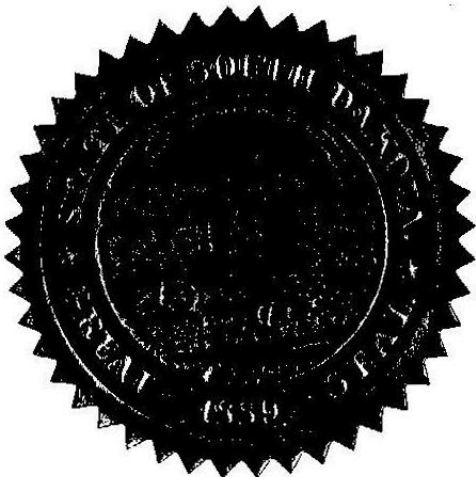
Whereas, South Dakota is home to multiple regional cancer facilities. We are committed to ensure all cancer patients are treated with compassion and respect, and are provided with the tools and resources necessary to battle the physical, emotional, and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis; and,

Whereas, LIVESTRONG Day exemplifies the spirit of people affected by cancer—survivors, non-survivors, caregivers, friends, family, health care professionals, social workers, public health experts, and researchers throughout South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2011, as

"LIVESTRONG DAY"

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State